NOTICE TO ALL SHEEP PRODUCERS

May 22, 2006

Funds are still available to help pay for genetic testing of rams. Up to 10 rams can be tested per flock. In addition, up to 5 replacement ewes may be tested but must meet the following restrictions:

- Must be over 14 months of age.
- Must be black-faced or be registered Southdown or Montadale ewes.
- Owner must agree in writing to make any ewe that tests QQ, available for third eyelid testing by state or federal personnel.

As in the past, all sheep must be from a flock that has a flock number that is registered with Veterinary Services (NE1234, etc.), and all tested animals must be tagged with an official scrapie eartag. Testing will be paid for at codon 171 only, and samples must be submitted by an accredited veterinarian, with collection and submission fees paid by the owner. Additional tests (codon 136, spider test, etc.) will also be at the owner's expense. For additional information, or to obtain agreement forms for ewes, call the Bureau of Animal Industry at (402) 471-2351.

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